Washington, DC – At 11:14PM (EST), the House of Representatives voted 220-215 to pass the <u>Affordable Health Care for America Act (HR 3962)</u>, which would provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX□ 20) issued the following statement on the vote.

"I voted today for a bill that will help 153,000 citizens of the 20th District to finally get health insurance. For the 300,000 of my constituents who get their health care coverage through work, I voted to free them from unjustifiable rate increases and to insure that neither the government nor their employer nor their insurance company can force them to have to change their health care plan. I voted today to cut \$500 out of the Medicare prescription donut hole and to ensure the long-term viability of Medicare, including Medicare Advantage. And for our country, my vote went to reduce the deficit by \$104 billion.

"With today's vote, we have moved one step closer to helping Americans afford health care, helping our government save money, and strengthening our economy."

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